

## **The Chaplain's Corner**

### The Duty to Serve

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The W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association is a product of those who desire to keep our history alive by reflecting on our past and acknowledging those who made an impact on us during our school years. As we mature and experience the various challenges that confront us in life, we begin to realize that our past has a very powerful effect on our present and future.

Our parents, teachers, relatives, friends and others who were concerned about our welfare, influenced the paths we took in life. We are benefactors of those who gave to us because they cared and wanted to see us live productive lives. What they gave was given out of love, a sense of duty to serve and/or a desire to become a blessing to others.

I will always remember my East Tarboro and W.A. Pattillo experiences. There was an unforgettable community pride and a spirit that we shared in East Tarboro, Princeville and the surrounding Black communities. They have had a significant effect on my life in the past and continue to do so. I believe they left all of us with the desire to be an asset and a positive influence wherever we are and in whatever capacity life assigns us.

We have a duty to remember our heritage and share it with those who follow us. We also have a duty to serve God, our Creator – in serving Him, we serve our fellowman. The W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association provides us with an opportunity to preserve our heritage and to serve mankind. Serving mankind is a form of giving – giving of one's self. It is through the gift of giving that we receive our greatest blessings. "It is better to give than to receive."

To God be the glory for all of the great things He has done!